

199—43.2(476) Definitions. The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings shown below:

“Advanced telecommunications services” means the telecommunications infrastructure capable of delivering a data transmission speed of at least 200 kilobits per second in both directions.

“Affordable rates” is presumed to mean the current price for advanced telecommunications services being charged for similar services in areas with multiple broadband providers, as demonstrated by published or advertised prices. However, this presumption may be rebutted in appropriate circumstances.

“Plan” encompasses 36 consecutive months of projects for the deployment of advanced telecommunications services.

“Project” means individual or logically grouped proposals for the deployment of advanced telecommunications services.

“Public interest” includes, but is not limited to, the effective deployment, at the lowest reasonable expenditure of broadband initiative revenues, of advanced telecommunications services to the public at affordable rates, and the fostering of economic development through the increased availability of advanced telecommunications services.